

This issue has a wealth of updates for the Maritimes section of the catalogue including the recognition that there are two hammers for listing MT-80 and a study to differentiate them. There are also updated hammer studies for MT-96, MT-161 and RY-144. We thank **Jack Brandt**, **Ross Gray**, **Murray Smith** and **Sean Weatherup** for their contributions.

A Message from our Chairman, Peter McCarthy

BNAPEX 2018 held in Quebec City was a great success and the organisers deserve all the accolades they may receive. In so far as the study group goes, this is the first time that I can recall that there has been more than one competitive R.P.O. exhibit. That is encouraging. **Jean Pierre Forest** had a one frame exhibit entitled "Les Obitérations de L'ambulant Postal du Chemin de Fer Lévis à Kennebec et Quebec Central 1879 – 1971" earning a silver medal. **Sean Weatherup** entered a one frame exhibit entitled "The Railway Post Office on the Short Line." That also earned him a silver medal. **Brian Stalker** was the third member to enter an exhibit which was entitled "By Grand Trunk Railway 1853 – 1867." This was a three frame exhibit showing early material from the Island Pond Montreal line, the Quebec Richmond line. Three Rivers to Arthabaska and Montreal Toronto. The exhibit was awarded a gold medal and one of two reserve grand awards. Congratulations Brian. This is the first time an R.P.O. exhibit has gone beyond a gold medal. Finally we are receiving recognition. As one of the judges and also a R.P.O. study group member, it was difficult to stand back somewhat and allow the other four judges to see the worth of the exhibit. Congratulations also to Sean and Jean Pierre for a job well done.

On a completely different matter, **Chris Anstead** announced his resignation as Secretary/Treasurer and newsletter mailer of the group effective at the end of the current year. We are grateful to Chris for all of the work he has done for the past 18 years. His replacement will be **Sean Weatherup**. In order to help make the transition smoothly you are asked to send in your dues to Chris as soon as possible. Also, **Brian Stalker** has agreed to fill the post of Vice Chairman effective immediately.

A New Late Date for ON-227.02



Ross Gray collection

This 5¢ Nesbitt stationery envelope is cancelled with a very worn **ON-227.02**, KINGS. & TORONTO GD. TR'K R. WAY P.O. / No. 2. , C, UP, JUL 2, 1860. This is a new **late date** for both the hammer and the listing. The enclosed letter reveals that it was posted at Belleville. The Stratford arrival backstamp is dated July 3.

Recent Awards to R.P.O. Study Group Members

Novapex 2018 Palmares, September 15, 2018

Royal Philatelic Society of Canada Sanctioned Medal Awards

Gold

Sean Weatherup: Cancels used by the Railway Post Office operating between Halifax and Sydney, Nova Scotia

Large Vermeil

Sean Weatherup: The Railway Post Office on the Short Line

British North America Philatelic Society - BNAPS Awards

Best 2, 3, or 4 frame BNA Exhibit

Sean Weatherup: Cancels used by the Railway Post Office operating between Halifax and Sydney, Nova Scotia

BNAPEX 2018 Ville de Québec – Quebec City 21-23 September 2018 Palmares

Special Exhibit Awards

Allan Steinhart Reserve Grand (two awards) Runner-up to best exhibit in show.

Brian Stalker – “By Grand Trunk Railway” 1853-67

William G. Robinson Award Best exhibit of Railway Post Office postal history.

Brian Stalker – “By Grand Trunk Railway” 1853-67

Exhibit awards

Exhibitor	No frames	Exhibit
Gold		
Stalker, Brian	3	“By Grand Trunk Railway” 1853-67
Silver		
Forest, Jean-Pierre	1	Les oblitérations de l’ambulant postal du chemin de fer Lévis à Kennebec et Québec Central (1879-1971)
Weatherup, Sean	1	The Railway Post Office on the Short Line

BNAPS Order of the Beaver Lifetime Achievement Award

Colin Lewis

Reunited after 137 years

This 3¢ Small Queen cover was postmarked on an eastbound C.P.R. R.P.O. somewhere west of Winnipeg on February 26, 1883. The hammer was proof struck on January 2, 1882. **The Iroquois, Ontario receiving backstamp is dated March 2, 1883**, thus revealing the true year date on the R.P.O. Otherwise it might have been thought to be dated a year earlier, in 1882.

The current earliest reported date for this hammer is 1882/04/19.



RY-28.02, C.P.R. WEST OF WINNIPEG / 2. , EAST, FE 26, 81 .

This postcard from Brandon to Fargo, Dakota Territory with an undated message, was postmarked on the same day on the same R.P.O., likely by the same clerk. There are no other transit or arrival postmarks present on the card to reveal the correct year date but the identical position and inking of the indicia slugs confirm that they were both cancelled the same day, before travelling to their widely separated destinations.



RY-28.02, C.P.R. WEST OF WINNIPEG / 2. , EAST, FE 26, 81 .

New Reports from Jack Brandt



MT-50.02, CH'TOWN & SACKVILLE · R.P.O. / . , blank, JUN 29, 22 , is the first report of a **blank indicium** for both the hammer and the listing.



MT-50.05, CH'TOWN & SACKVILLE · R.P.O. / . , W, FE 10, 23 , is a new **late date**

MT-50.07, CH'TOWN & SACKVILLE · R.P.O. / . , 39, 9 NO, 35 , is the first report of **train 39** for the hammer.



MT-50.07, CH'TOWN & SACKVILLE · R.P.O. / . , 39, JU 15, 46 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



MT-67.08, CH'TOWN & TIGNISH · R.P.O. / . , W, NO 26, 28 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



MT-71.01, CONNORS & RIV. DU LOUP R.P.O. / . , 2, 22 JUL, 19 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



MT-72, CONNORS & RIV. DE LOUP R.P.O. / . , N, AP 20, 14 , is the **first reported use** of this hammer. It was proof struck on November 3, 1904. Although the erroneous 'DE' for 'DU' is off the stamp, the chord from the top of the 'P' to the top of the adjacent 'R' at 3 ¾ mm distinguishes it from MT-71.01 and MT-71.02 whose same chord only measures 3 mm. It is noteworthy that the 'N' direction indicium is unusually wide.



MT-73.01, CONNERS & RIVIERE · DU · R.P.O. / . , 2, 22 AP, 24 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



The ERD for MT-73.02 is incorrectly stated in the catalogue as 1922/11/24. **The correct ERD for MT-73.02 is 1916/02/06.**



MT-83.01, HALIFAX & ANNAPOLIS / M.C. , EAST, AP 24, 93, is a new **late date** for the hammer.

MT-96.03, HALIFAX & CAMPBELLTON · R.P.O. / . , WEST, MY 25, 10 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



MT-96.05, HALIFAX & CAMPBELLTON · R.P.O. / . , W, AU 13, 08 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



New Reports from Jack Brandt



MT-96.06, HALIFAX & CAMPBELLTON · R.P.O. / . , W, MR 25, 02 , is the first report of a **‘W’** direction indicium for the hammer.



MT-96.08, HALIFAX & CAMPBELLTON R.P.O. / . , blank, JU 25, 12 , is the first report of a **blank** direction indicium for the hammer.



MT-96.09, HALIFAX & CAMPBELLTON R.P.O. / . , 1, MY 9, 28 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



MT-96.10, HALIFAX & CAMPBELLTON R.P.O. / . , E, MR 9, 08 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.



MT-96.12, HALIFAX & CAMPBELLTON · R.P.O. / . , 4, OC 7, 23 , is the first report of **train 4** for the hammer.

MT-96.14, HALIFAX & CAMPBELLTON · R.P.O. / . , 4, NO 29, 19 , is the first report of **train 4** for the hammer as well as the **first dated report** for this rare hammer.



Found on a small cut out from the back of an envelope is a **new previously unreported hammer** which is now listed as **MT-96.15**, HALIFAX & CAMPBELLTON · R.P.O. / . , 1, JUL 25, 22 . As a result of this discovery, there is an updated hammer study for MT-96 included in this issue.



MT-99.02, HALIFAX & CAMP · R.P.O. / . , E, MR 23, 12 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.

MT-99.03, HALIFAX & CAMP · R.P.O. / . , 59, AP 30, 47 , is the first report of **train 59** for the hammer.



MT-99.03, HALIFAX & CAMP · R.P.O. / . , 59, OC 5, 54 , is a new **late date** for the hammer.



New Reports from Jack Brandt



MT-99.21, HALIFAX & CAMP · R.P.O. / . , 2, XI 23, 60, is the first report of **train 2** for the hammer.



MT-99.24, HALIFAX & CAMP · R.P.O. / . , 60, MR 31, 52, is a new **early date** for the hammer.



MT-99.??, HALIFAX & CAMP · R.P.O. / . , blank, JUN 12, 14, is the first report of a **blank indium** for the listing.



MT-101, H'X & CAMPBELLTON R.P.O. / . , W, NO 2, 17, is a new **late date**.



MT-103.02, TRAIN NO / HX. & CAMP · R.P.O. , 3, MY 17, blank, is the first report of **train 3** for the hammer.



MT-110.01, HX. & C. / R.P.O. , 60, OC 17, 56, is a new **late date** for the hammer.



MT-146.03, HX. DIG. & YAR. / R.P.O. , 98, NO 6, 51, is a new **late date** for the hammer.



MT-146.06, HX. DIG. & YAR. / R.P.O. , 95, SP 10, 51, is a new **late date** for the hammer.



MT-146.12, HX. DIG. & YAR / R.P.O. , 95, MR 27, 56, is a new **late date** for the hammer.

MT-164.01, HALIFAX & ST JOHN / M.C. , blank, NO 4, 96, is the first example of a **blank direction indicium** for both the hammer and the listing.



MT-164.02, HALIFAX & ST JOHN / M.C. , W, MR 2, 95, is a new **early date** for both the hammer and the listing.



MT-164.04, HALIFAX & ST JOHN / M.C. , W, JA 13, 97, is a new **early date** for the hammer.



MT-166.05, HALIFAX & ST JOHN R.P.O. / NIGHT , E, AU 24, 08, is a new **early date** for the hammer.

New Reports from Jack Brandt



MT-176.01, HALIFAX & ST JOHN . R.P.O : NIGHT / . ,
W, JAN 26, 21 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.

ON-308, N. BAY & COCHRANE . R.P.O. / . , 46, DEC 18, 34 ,
is a new **late date**.



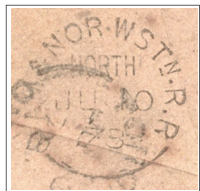
ON-315.04, NORTH BAY & FORT WILLIAM R.P.O. / . , 2, JUL 20, 26 , is
a new **early date** for the hammer.

ON-367, OTT. & BROCKVILLE / M.C. , S, AP 27, 03 ,
is a new **late date**.



ON-423.03, OTT. & TORONTO · M.C. / N^o 3 , E, OC 7, 95 ,
is a new **early date** for the hammer.

WT-793.031, S. R. & P. A.- R.P.O. / N^o 3 ,
15, AU 29, 45 , is a new **late date** for the
hammer.



RY-90, HAM & NOR · WST^N · R. R. / _ , NORTH, JU 10, 78 ,
is a new **early date** for this scarce early cancellation which was proof
struck on April 2, 1878.



SN-23.04, MONCTON STATION / N.B. , 21, DE 7, 51 , is the first report of **time**
mark 21 for the hammer.



New Reports from Murray Smith



WT-981.02, C.N.R. W'P'G. & VIRDEN R.P.O. / N^o 2 , E, MR 12, 06 , is
new **early date** for hammer

ON-167.061, HAMILTON & MEAFORD · R.P.O. / N^o 6 , 60, DE 6, 29 , is a
new **late date** for the hammer.



New Reports from Ross Gray



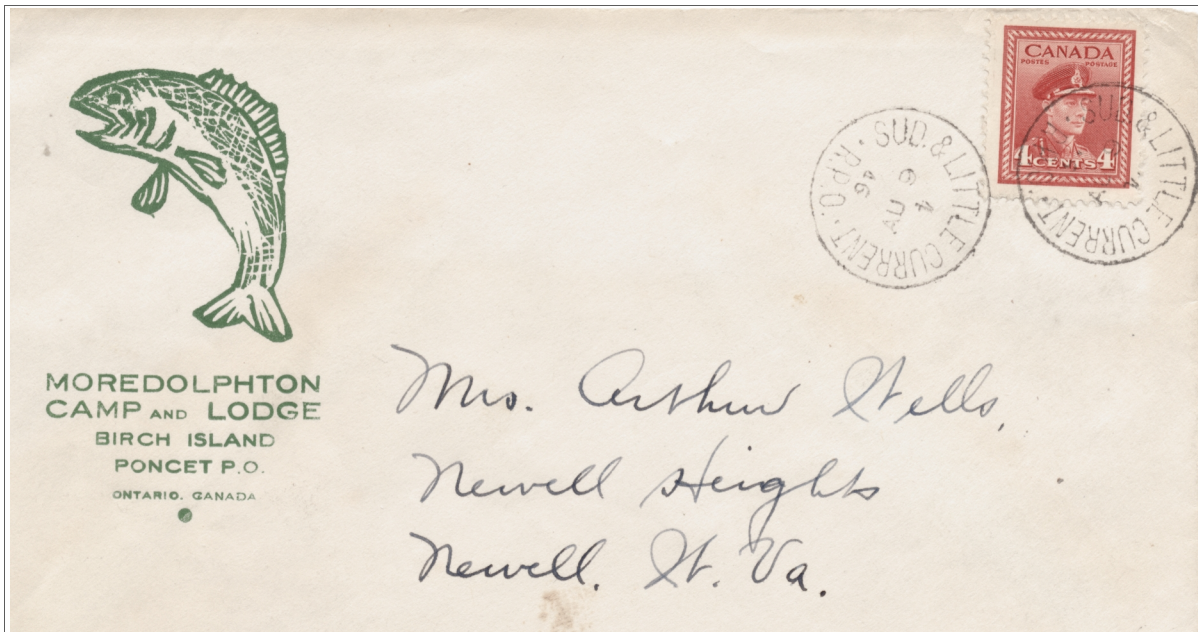
Used as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from Sydney to St. John is **MT-161.01**, HALIFAX & MONCTON / C. P. R^y, blank, AU 6, 95. This is the first report of a **blank indicium** for the hammer.



QC-294.08, MONT. & TOR. G.T.R^y / 8, D.W, AU 15, 93, found as transit backstamp on a registered cover from Bridge End, ON to Williamstown, ON is **struck through cloth**. (See page 2563 of the July-September, 2017 issue of the newsletter.)



Found as a transit stamp struck 4 times on a picture postcard from Proton to Teeswater, this **ON-361.03**, ORANGE. & TEES R.P.O. / N 3, 711, DE 9, 11, is the first report **train 711** for the hammer.



This cover has an interesting indicium variety for **ON-543.01**, SUD. & LITTLE CURRENT / · R.P.O. ·, 4, AU 9, 46. The clerk apparently misplaced his '874' train number slug and substituted a '4' slug for the train number instead.

New Reports from Ross Gray



Used as a transit backstamp on a registered cover from St. Jean d'Orleans to Lotbiniere is a new **early date** for hammer **QC-67.01**, LEVIS & DESCHAILLONS · R.P.O. / . , 55, 30 AU, 24 .

QC-209.05, MONT. & NORTH BAY · R.P.O. / . , 502, MR 9, 37 , is the first report of **train 502** for the hammer.



ON-106.08, FORT WILLIAM & WINNIPEG R.P.O. / N^o 8 , W, JY 18, 05 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.

WT-67, CALGARY & EDM. R.P.O. / N^o 4 , 523, AU 10, 31 , is the first report of **train 523** and a new **early date** for the hammer.



WT-639.033, REGINA & PRINCE ALBERT · R.P.O. / N^o 3 , 26, OC 17, 16 , is the first report of **train 26** for both the hammer and the listing.

WT-724.041, SASK. HARD. & ED. R.P.O. / No. 4 , 51, 21 VIII, 49 , is a new **early date** and the first report of **train 51** for this rare hammer.



WT-876.03, WINNIPEG & EDMONTON R.P.O. / N^o 3 , W, SP 03, 08 , is the first report of a 'W' direction indicium for the hammer.

WT-881.02, WPG. & HAR. R.P.O. / N^o 2 , 11, MY 13, 32 , is a both a new **late date** and the first report of **train 11** for the hammer.



WT-885.032, W'PEG. & KAM · R.P.O. / N^o 3 , 2, JUL 14, 16 , is a new **early date** for the hammer.

MT-80 Hammer Study

Thanks to **Jack Brandt** who observed a difference in hammers, I was able to measure a **second previously unidentified hammer** for this early Maritime listing. We are also grateful to **Sean Weatherup** for sharing scans of examples in his collection.

H. & A. R. / N. S.

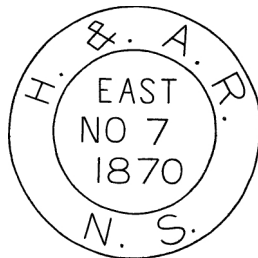
Chord 'b' is measured from the upper third of the 'R' to the bottom third of the 'S'

Chord 'c' is measured from the upper third of the 'N' to the upper third of the 'S'

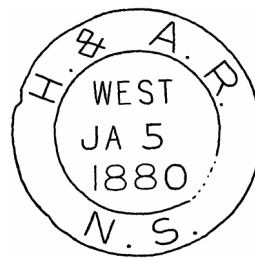
MT-80.01 has a period after the ampersand

	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c
MT-80.01	unknown	1870/11/07	1881/04/20	EAST, WEST	11 +	19	6 ½
MT-80.02	unknown	1872/01/24 [#]	1881/??/21 [*]	EAST, WEST, blank [*]	8 +	20 +	5 ½
	Listing	1870/09/03	1881/04/20	EAST, WEST, blank [*]			

Weatherup[#], Brandt^{} (The MT-80.02 LRD is blank, ?E, ??81. The month is probably 'FE' not 'DE'.)
The MT-80.01 LRD year date is only two digits, i.e. '81'*



MT-80.01



MT-80.02

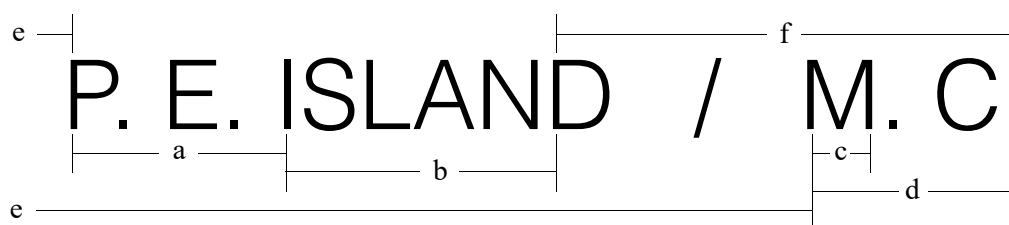


Ross Gray collection

MT-80.02, H. & A. R. / N. S. , WEST, JA 5, 1880

RY-144 Hammer Data Updated

This updated hammer study includes the recently discovered tenth hammer



Hammer	a	b	c	d	e	f
RY-144.01	8 ¼	11	3 +	10 ¼	9 +	11 ½
RY-144.02	8 ½	11 ¾	3 ½ -	13	9 ¼	10 ¾
RY-144.03	8 ¾	12 ¼	2 ½	10 ½	9 ½	10 ½
RY-144.04	9 ¼	12	3 ½	11	9 ½ +	9 ¾
RY-144.05	9 -	12 ¾	3 ½	10 ½	8 ½ +	10
RY-144.06	9	12 ½	3 ½	11 ¾	8	9 ¾
RY-144.07	9 -	12 +	2 ½	10 +	9	10 ¼
RY-144.08	8 ½ -	11 ½	3	12 +	9 -	10 ½
RY-144.09	9	13	3 ½	11 ½	8	9 ¾
RY-144.10	8 ½	13	3 ½	10 ½	8 ¾	10 ½

Hammer	Proof Date	ERD	LRD	Indicia
RY-144.01	unknown	1885/12/15	1898/04/17 ²	blank
RY-144.02	1889/02/16	18??/05/12 ¹	18??/05/12 ¹	blank
RY-144.03	1889/02/16	unknown	unknown	
RY-144.04	1892/10/15	1893/09/22	1896/08/05 ¹	blank
RY-144.05	unknown	1893/04/21 ¹	1905/12/11	blank
RY-144.06	unknown	1893/08/01	1903/09/08 ²	blank
RY-144.07	unknown	1892/07/02	1892/09/21	blank
RY-144.08	unknown	1891/11/09	1892/10/10 ¹	blank
RY-144.09	unknown	1905/09/10 ¹	1905/09/10 ¹	blank
RY-144.10	unknown	1897/09/15	1897/09/15	blank
RY-144		1885/12/15	1918/04/16	blank

Jack Brandt ¹, Warren Bosch ²



RY-144.01



RY-144.02



RY-144.03



RY-144.04



RY-144.05



RY-144.06



RY-144.07



RY-144.08



RY-144.09



RY-144.10

MT-96, MT-102 and MT-105 Hammer Study Updated

Hammer	Proof Date	ERD	LRD	Indicia
MT-96.01	unknown	1901/01/28	1906/06/18	EAST, WEST
MT-96.02	unknown	1901/09/12	1909/08/04	E, WEST
MT-96.03	unknown	1901/09/18	1910/05/25	WEST
MT-96.04	unknown	1901/08/12	1907/06/19	E
MT-96.05	unknown	1926/11/03	1956/09/17	2,3,4,59
MT-96.06	unknown	1901/11/21	1908/08/13	E, W
MT-96.07	unknown	1901/12/26	1928/09/05	E, W, 1,2,199
MT-96.08	unknown	1905/01/03	1915/04/21	E, W
MT-96.09	1907/10/29	1908/01/04	1925/07/14	W, 1, blank
MT-96.10	1907/10/29	1908/08/18	1928/05/09	W, 1
MT-96.11	unknown	1908/03/09	1945/10/25	E, W, 1,2,4
MT-96.12	1912/07/31	1908/04/23	1912/07/14	E, W
MT-96.13	1912/07/31	1921/04/26	1925/07/15	2,4
MT-96.14	1917/12/12	1912/11/07	1927/09/28	E,2,199,200
MT-96.15	1917/12/12	1921/11/10	1948/01/11	2,3,4,59
MT-96	1917/12/12	1919/11/29	1919/11/29	3,4
	unknown	1922/07/25	1922/07/25	1
	unknown	1901/01/28	1956/09/17	EAST, E, WEST, W, blank 1,2,3,4,59,199,200
MT-102	1912/04/10	1912/04/18	1950/07/29	W,1,2,3,4,59,199,200
MT-105	1917/01/13	1917/03/07	1920/04/09	3,4,199



MT-96.01



MT-96.02



MT-96.03



MT-96.04



MT-96.05



MT-96.06



MT-96.07



MT-96.08



MT-96.09



MT-96.10



MT-96.11



MT-96.12



MT-96.13



MT-96.14



MT-96.15

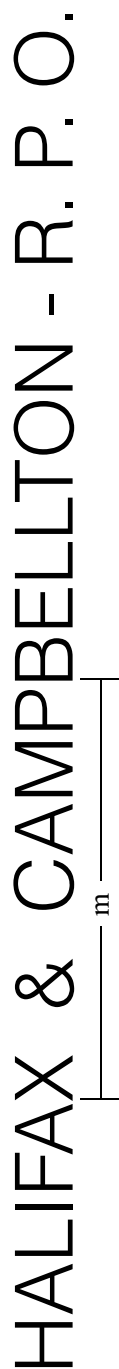
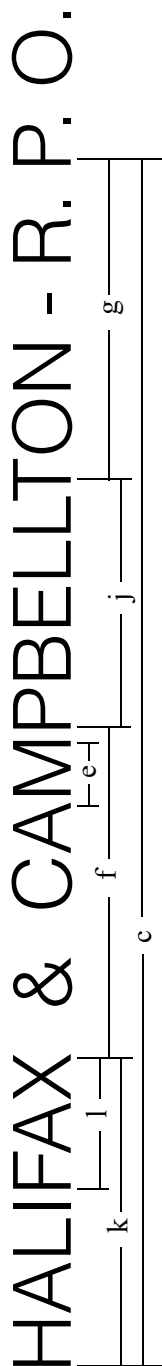
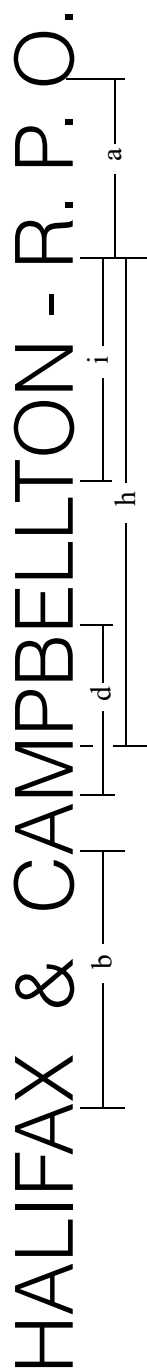


MT-102



MT-105

MT-96, MT-102 and MT-105 Hammer Chordal Measurements



Hammer	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
MT-96.01	5 +	6 1/2	10 +	5	2	8	7 1/2	11 1/2 +	5	7 1/2	10 -	4 1/2	10 1/2 -
MT-96.02	5 -	6	10 +	5 1/4	2	8	7 1/4	12 1/4	5	8 +	9 1/2	4 1/2	10 1/2
MT-96.03	6	6	11 -	5 1/4	2 +	8	7 1/2	12	5	8	10 1/4	5 -	10 1/2
MT-96.04	5 +	7	9 3/4	5 1/4	1 3/4	9	7 1/2	12	5	8 -	10 -	4 1/4	11 +
MT-96.05	5 +	7	10 1/2	5 1/2	2	9 +	7	12	4 1/2	8	10	4 1/2	11 1/2
MT-96.06	5	7 -	9 1/2	5 1/4	2 +	9	6 3/4	11 1/2	4 1/2	7 1/2	9 1/2 +	4 1/2	11
MT-96.07	5 +	6 1/4	10 1/2	4 3/4	2 -	8 -	7 -	11 +	4 1/2	7 1/4	9 1/2	4 1/2	10
MT-96.08	5 +	6 1/2	10 3/4	5	2	8 1/2	6 3/4	12	4 1/2 +	8	10	4 3/4	10 1/2 +
MT-96.09	4 1/2	6 1/2	10 3/4	5 1/2	2	8	6 +	12	4 +	8 1/2 -	9 3/4	4 1/4	10 3/4
MT-96.10	5 1/2	6 1/2	9 1/4	5	2 1/4	9	7 1/2	12	5 1/4	7 1/2	10	4 3/4	11
MT-96.11	5 1/2	7 -	10	5 1/4	2 -	9 -	7 1/2 -	12 1/4	5	8 +	10 1/4	5	11 1/4
MT-96.12	4 1/2	6 +	9 1/2	5 1/2	2 +	8 1/4	7 1/4	12 1/4	5	8 1/2 -	9 1/2 +	4 1/2	10 1/2
MT-96.13	4 3/4	6 1/4	10 +	6 -	2 1/4	8 1/2	7 1/2 -	12 1/2 -	5 1/4	8 1/4	10	4 3/4	10 1/2 +
MT-96.14	5 -	5 1/2	10 1/2	5	2 +	7 1/2	7 1/2	12	5 1/2	8	9 3/4	4 1/4	10 -
MT-96.15	4 1/2	?	9 1/2 -	5 1/2 -	2 +	8	7 -	11 1/4	5 -	7 3/4	9	3 3/4 +	?
MT-102	5	6	10 +	8 +	2 +	7 3/4	7 -	11 1/2	4 1/2	8 -	9 1/2	4 1/2	10
MT-105	5 -	6 1/2 +	10	4 1/4	2 1/2 +	8 1/2	7	11	5	6 3/4	10 1/4	5	- -

MT-161 Hammer Study Update

I revisited this study after acquiring some better strikes which enabled more accurate measurements and the addition of two additional chords to assist in separating partial strikes. (The additional chords allowed me to identify a few examples which I was previously unable to verify and to correct one misidentified strike.)

HALIFAX & MONCTON / C. P. RY

Hammer	Proof	ERD	LRD	Indicia	a	b	c	d	e
MT-161.01	1889/12/06	1890/08/28	1896/10/21	E,W,blank	10 +	7 ½ -	12 ¼	9 ¼	3 ¼
MT-161.02	1889/12/06	1890/06/03	1895/02/19	E,W	11 ¼	6 +	11 +	9 ½	4
MT-161.03	1891/11/06	1894/01/30	1896/10/03	E,W	10	5 -	11 ½	8 ¾	5 +
Listing		1890/06/03	1896/10/21	E,W,blank					



MT-161.01



MT-161.02



MT-161.03

An Interesting QC-236.01 Observation

During a recent discussion with Brian Stalker, I scanned two examples of QC-236.01 from my collection and we noted a curious variation at the base. I superimposed the two scans and found that the major portion of the upper parts aligned very well. I am guessing that the hammer suffered major damage sometime between the two dates and was repaired.



Scan A



Scan B



Scan A + Scan B

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